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grounds of such denial, the court or courts in which such decision was rendered, and that the cause for such denial has been since cured or removed and every fact material to his naturalization and required to be proved upon the final hearing of his application.

Oath to support Constitution and laws; renunciation of foreign allegiance.
34 Stat. 597.
8 U. S. C. § 381.

SEC. 3. The third subdivision of section 4 of said Act of June 29, 1906 (34 Stat. 597–598; U. S. C., title 8, sec. 381), is amended to read as follows: "He shall, before he is admitted to citizenship, declare on oath, in open court, that he will support the Constitution of the United States, and that he absolutely and entirely renounces and abjures all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of which he was before a citizen or subject; and he will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and bear true faith and allegiance to the same."

Approved, June 20, 1939.

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[CHAPTER 225]

AN ACT

June 20, 1939
[H. R. 4745]
[Public, No. 139]

Relating to benefit assessments from condemnation proceedings for the opening, extension, widening, or straightening of alleys or minor streets.

District of Columbia.
33 Stat. 733.
Condemnation proceedings for opening, etc., of alleys or minor streets; benefit assessments.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in all condemnation proceedings instituted by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia in accordance with the provisions of sections 1608 to 1610 of the Code of Law for the District of Columbia for the acquisition of land for the opening, extension, widening, or straightening of alleys or minor streets, all, or any part of the entire amount found to be due and awarded by the jury in said proceedings as damages for, and in respect of, the land condemned, plus all or any part of the costs and expenses of said proceedings, may be assessed by the jury as benefits: *Provided*, *however*, That if the total amount of damages awarded by the jury in any such proceedings, plus the costs and expenses of said proceedings, be in excess of the total amount of benefits, it shall be optional with the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to abide by the verdict of the jury, or, at any time before the final ratification and confirmation of the verdict, to enter a voluntary dismissal of the cause: *Provided further*, That if the total amount of damages awarded by the jury in any such proceedings, plus the costs and expenses of said proceedings, be in excess of the total amount of the assessment for benefits, any such excess in any verdict for the acquisition of land for minor streets or alleys, shall be paid out of the appropriation available for the payment of damages awarded and costs incurred under said verdict.

*Provisos.*
If damages plus costs of proceedings exceed amount of benefits.

Payment of excess of damages plus costs over amount of assessment for benefits.

Approved, June 20, 1939.

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[CHAPTER 226]

AN ACT

June 20, 1939
[H. R. 5066]
[Public, No. 140]

To amend the Act entitled "An Act to regulate proceedings in adoption in the District of Columbia", approved August 25, 1937.

District of Columbia.
Adoption proceedings; extension of period for investigation.
50 Stat. 806.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section 1 of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate proceedings in adoption in the District of Columbia" be amended by striking out the word "sixty" in the last paragraph thereof and inserting in lieu thereof the word "ninety".

Approved, June 20, 1939.